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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Examiner: FRONDA, Christian

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Art Unit: 1652

APPLICATION NO: 09/975,813

FILED: September 12, 2001

FOR: ASSAYS AND PEPTIDE SUBSTRATE FOR DETERMINING
AGGRECAN DEGRADING METALLO PROTEASE ACTIVITY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:


The Office Action of November 12, 2004 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on December 12, 2004. A one-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company in the amount of \$120 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.

Respectfully submitted,

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